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OR90-548

Dear Ms. Curtis:

By letter of May 17, 1990, you ask whether structural drawings of the old Bexar County Jail, which is being used as a parole violator facility, and the new Bexar County jail are subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 9659.

We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically, section 3(a)(8). We agree that releasing these plans to the public would involve a serious risk to the security of the detention facilities. See generally Open Records Decision No. 413 (1984) (sketch of security measures for execution at Department of Corrections). You may withhold the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-548.

Yours very truly,

Susan Garrison

Assistant Attorney General

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Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 413

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